(d) if so, the facts and details thereof and corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The size as well as the diversity of functions of SBI makes it non-comparable with NBFCs and hence NBFCs do not pose major challenge to SBI Depositors who patronise banks do so for many reasons including security of deposits.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Proposal for providing medium capacity long range aircrafts

916. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide medium capacity long range aircrafts for Air India;

(b) if so, what are the sources of availability of such aircrafts with background for such move;

(c) whether such move will help their air passengers in any way; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) Air India plans to induct medium capacity long range (MCLR) aircraft into its fleet to operate more direct, point-to-point service and to step up frequency which would provide direct flights and greater choice of frequencies to the passengers. The aircrafts under consideration are A340-300 manufactured by Airbus Industry, B 777 by Boeing Airplane Company and MD-11 by Mc Donnel Douglas Corporation.

Smuggling of Cellular Phones

917. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people are smuggling cellular phones through Delhi Airport;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 18 cases of smuggling of cellular phones were detected during January, 1996, by the Delhi Customs Authorities;

(c) whether the detection of cellular phones in baggage by X-ray is a difficult task; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to prevent smuggling of cellular phones and other items to the country?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) 7 cases of attempt to smuggle Cellular Phones through I.G.I. Airport have been detected by Customs Authorities since January, 1996 till date resulting in seizure of 191 Cellular Phones. Eight persons were found involved in these cases.

(b) Only two cases of smuggling of cellular phones were detected during January, 1996 by Delhi Customs Authorities at I.G.I. Airport.

(c) Baggage X-Ray Machine has been found useful in detection of Cellular phones concealed in baggage.

(d) Anti Smuggling agencies are alert to detect and prevent smuggling including smuggling of Cellular phones by surveillance over sensitive areas, targeting of intelligence and use of sophisticated equipments like metal detectors, colour baggage X-ray machines etc. in ports and airports.

Body left to stink in I.A. aircraft

918. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times, dated 5th July, 1996, captioned "Body left to stink in Indian Airlines Aircraft" for an entire